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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA UNITY MOVEMENT MEMBER ERNEST JAMA

1. BBC FOCUS ON AFRICA PROGRAM OF 20 JUNE REPORTED THAT SA UNITY MOVEMENT MEMBER ERNEST JAMA IS IN BOTSWANA AND FACES DEPORTATION TO SOUTH AFRICA BECAUSE OF EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN SA AND BOTSWANA AND ALSO BECAUSE OF " TREATMENT WHICH GOB GAVE GODFREY BECK". BBC FOCUS PROGRAM OF 22 JUNE CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH BOTSWANA HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MISS CHIEPE. IN INTERVIEW MISS CHIEPE STATED THAT EXTRADITION TREATY WITH SA DID NOT APPLY TO POLITICAL CRIMES AND BECK CASE WAS NOT SIMILAR TO THAT OF JAMA.

2. SPOKESMAN IN OFFICE OF PRESIDENT INFORMED EMBOFF THAT JAMA FIRST CAME TO BOTSWANA IN 1966 AND WAS DECLARED A PROHIBITED IMMIGRANT FOR " UNKNOWN" REASONS PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE. JAMA NEXT MADE NEWS WHEN HE TURNED UP IN LUSAKA IN EARLY 1967 AND CLAIMED THAT HE HAD " WALKED FROM GABORONE TO LUSAKA". APPARENTLY ZAMBIA GRANTED JAMA REFUGEE STATUS. NOTHING MORE WAS HEARD OF JAMA UNTIL JUNE 12 WHEN HE SENT LETTERS, POST-  
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MARKED GABORONE BUT WITH NO RETURN ADDRESS, TO BOTH PRESIDENT KHAMA AND UNHCR REP SICOTTE ASKING THAT HE NOT BE DEPORTED TO SA AND BE GIVEN SAFE PASSAGE OUT OF BOTSWANA. JAMA HAS NOT RPT NOT SEEN EITHER SICOTTE OR ANYONE IN OFFICE OF PRES. AND GOB IS TRYING TO LOCATE HIM. GOB PLANS RETURN HIM TO ZAMBIA. GOB OFFICIAL ADDED IT LIKELY JAMA HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN SOUTH AFRICA AND CROSSED BACK INTO BOTSWANA.

3. LITTLE KNOWN OF UNITY MOVEMENT HERE, BUT IT SEEMS THEIR SPOKESMAN IN LONDON IS MASTER OF INEPT PUBLIC RELATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, JUST PRIOR TO EARLY-1972 TERRORIST TRIAL AT PIETERMARITZBURG WHICH INCLUDED SEVERAL INDIANS ASSOCIATED WITH UNITY, LONDON SPOKESMAN ALLEGEDLY GAVE INTERVIEW TO SA PAPER WHICH INCLUDED STATEMENTS ATTESTING TO UNITY MOVEMENT'S COMMITMENT TO VIOLENCE AS FORCE FOR CHANGE IN SA. NELSON

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